



***Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group***  
***Meeting Minutes***  
***September 30, 2008***

**Summary**

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Epidemiology Work Group Members in Attendance (10):

Phillip Stevenson, Chair (Arizona Criminal Justice Commission)  
Steve Gendler (Arizona Department of Public Safety)  
Amy Stuart (Administrative Office of the Courts)  
David Choate, proxy for Charles Katz (Arizona State University)  
Meena Shahi (Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board, First Things First)  
Wesley Kortuem (Arizona Department of Health Services)  
Richard Porter (Arizona Department of Health Services)  
Michael Dolny (Arizona Department of Corrections)  
Catherine Husband, proxy for Wendy Wolfersteig (Arizona State University)  
Katherine Guffey (Arizona Department of Economic Security)

Epidemiology Work Group Members Absent (7)

Dennis Embry (PAXIS Institute)  
Catherine Osborn (Arizona Department of Education)  
James Cunningham (University of Arizona)  
Gowri Shetty (Arizona Department of Health Services)  
Michelle Anderson (Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections)  
Jody Sekerak (Indian Health Services)  
Zeenat Mahal (Inter Tribal Council of Arizona)

Governor's Office Staff (1)

Jeanne Blackburn (GOCYF, DSAP)

Public (3):

Paul Sovietek (Department of Public Safety)  
Gail Spore (Arizona Department of Public Safety)  
Gordon South (Arizona Department of Health Services)



**Call to Order** was made by Phillip Stevenson at 1:00 p.m. after noting that a quorum was present.

### **Welcome and Introductions**

- Phillip Stevenson asked the attendees and guests present to introduce themselves and their respective agency/group.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- Phillip Stevenson asked if anyone had any changes to the August meeting minutes.
  - With one editorial change to the meeting minutes, the meeting minutes were accepted by the group.

### **Announcements**

- The Arizona Department of Health Services just released two documents:
  - the 2008 *Health Status Report*;
  - and the results from the *Behavioral Risk Factor Survey*.
- The Western Society of Criminology meeting will be held in San Diego, CA in February. A call for papers has been sent out.
- The Arizona Youth Survey state profile and all 15 county profiles will be available on the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission website tomorrow.
- The Arizona Arrestee Reporting Information Network (AARIN) 2007 *Adult Annual Report* has just been released.
  - David Choate can present the results at a future meeting of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group meeting.

### **Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership: Update**

- Phillip Stevenson updated the group members on the September meeting of the Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership.
  - With the departure of the Governor's Chief of Staff, Dennis Burke from the Governor's Office, the new chair of ASAP is the Governor's new Chief of Staff, Jan Lescher, previous Director of the Arizona Department of Commerce.
  - While the work on ASAP's four strategic focus areas for 2008 will continue, four additional areas for 2009 have been proposed. They are:
    - *Drug-Endangered Children*;
    - *Media Campaigns*;
    - *Underage Drinking*;
    - and *Prescription Drug Abuse*.
  - Similar to the 2008 focus areas, each of these new areas will have an Executive Action Briefing document with problem areas identified as well as the agencies/persons responsible for the work and the outcomes resulting from the work.
  - Phillip Stevenson informed the group members that it is likely that, similar to the strategic focus areas in 2008, the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group will be asked to contribute data toward the 2009 strategic focus areas, including data on underage drinking and prescription drug abuse to help inform the work toward these two areas.



- After an update by Phillip Stevenson regarding a presentation by Drug Enforcement Administration Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Anthony Coulson, the Epi Work Group members inquired about the possibility of posting any presentations made at the ASAP meetings to the GOCYF website.
  - Jeanne Blackburn will inquire about this possibility and update the group.

### **The Need for Data-Driven Decision Making and Policy Development: A Review of the Executive Action Briefing**

- The group reviewed the EAB and determined what activities could be added to the document and recommended other changes that needed to be made to it to ensure that it is up-to-date.
  - Jeanne Blackburn will make the suggested changes to the document.

### **2008 Snapshot of Arizona: Epi Deliverable Update**

- Jeanne Blackburn provided the members with the types and sources of the data used in the 2007 *Snapshot of Arizona* report.
- Phillip Stevenson gave the group longitudinal data (i.e., 2002, 2004, 2006 and 2008) on lifetime and past 30-day youth alcohol, marijuana, prescription drug, inhalant, over-the-counter medication, cocaine, LSD, Ecstasy, methamphetamine and heroin use. He also provided the group with data on lifetime underage drinking, methamphetamine, prescription drug abuse and inhalant use by county for 2006 and 2008 and past 30-day youth prescription drug abuse by type of prescription for the 2008 administration of the Arizona Youth Survey.
- Also provided to the group was information on data gaps submitted by the Arizona Department of Public Safety and data from the Arizona Arrestee Reporting Information Network (AARIN) from Arizona State University's Center for Violence Prevention and Community Safety.

### **Call to Public**

- There were members of the public present. However, there were no comments from the guests in attendance.

**Adjourn** at 3:05 p.m. with a reminder on the agenda that the next meeting will be held on October 29, 2008 as both Phillip Stevenson and Jeanne Blackburn will be unavailable on the normally-scheduled meeting date of October 15 due to work travel.

Minutes submitted by Jeanne Blackburn (GOCYF, DSAP).